An

ENCOURAGEMENT

FOR ALL TO

Truſt in the Lord

Who hath the Breath of all Mankind, and their Souls in his Hand.

And how that not a Sparrow ſhall fall to the Ground without the Will of the Father.

And that Man and Woman, who are of more Value than **many Sparrows**, cannot fall to the ground without the Will of the Father.

For Chriſt Jeſus, by whom all things were made, who hath all Power in Heaven and Earth given unto him, upholds all things by his Word and Power.

Alſo here you may ſee, who they are that die in the Lord, and ſleep in Jeſus; and who they are that die in their ſins.

Alſo of the *Birth* and *Death* of Chriſt, how that he came into the World without the *Pomps* and *Glory* of the World, and how he denied them, and went out of the World without the *Pomps* and *Glory* of the World.

John 8. 23. *Ye are from beneath, I am from above: ye are of this World, I am not of this World.*

Mat. 10. 29. *Are not two Sparrows ſold for a farthing? and one of them ſhall not fall to the ground without your Father.*

v. 30. *But the very hairs of your head are all numbred.*

v. 31. *Fear not therefore, ye are of more Value than many Sparrows.*

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THE Lord God *breathed into Man the Breath of Life, and Man became a living Soul.* Job ſaith; *In the Lords Hand is the Soul of every living thing; and the Breath of all Mankind* is the Breath of all *Men* and *Women*: And is not his *Hand* his *Power*? And again, *Job* ſaith: *The Spirit of God hath made me, and the Breath of the Almighty hath given me Life.* And *David* ſaith, *The Earth is full of the Goodneſs of the Lord; by the Word of the Lord were the Heavens made, and all the Hoſt of them by the Breath of his Mouth.* And *David* ſaies; *He truſted in the Lord, and his times were in his Hand.* So you may ſee, how all things were made by the *Word Chriſt Jeſus*, and who made them, to wit, the *Lord*; and Mans time is in the Lords Hand. Gen. 2. 7. Job. 12. 10. Job 33. v. 4. Pſal. 33. 6. Pſal. 31. 14, 15.

And the Lord God, *He that Created the Heavens, and ſtretched them out; he that ſpread forth the Earth, and that which comes out of it; he giveth Breath unto the People upon it, and Spirit to them that walk therein.* And *Job* ſaies: *God gathers to himſelf Mans Spirit and Breath.* So God that gives Breath and Spirit unto Man, it is he that gathers his Breath and Spirit to himſelf again, who has all in his Hand. And *the ſteps of a good Man are ordered by the Lord, and he delights in his Way: though he fall, he ſhall not be utterly caſt down, for the Lord upholdeth him with his Hand.* And *David* ſaies: O *Lord, how manifold are thy Works: In wiſdom haſt thou made them all; the Earth is full of thy riches: the great and wide Seas, wherein are things creeping innumerable, both ſmall and great Beaſts: Theſe all wait upon thee, that thou maiſt give them their meat in due ſeaſon, that thou giveſt them, they gather; thou opens thy hand, and they are filled with good.* So here you may ſee the Lord that Created all, how he takes care for all, and gives them their meat in due ſeaſon. And all that keep their mind to the Lord with his Spirit, and ſo with it are acquainted, and his Hand, whoſe Breath is in his hand, they can ſay: *The Lord is my Strength, and* Isa. 42. 5. Job 34. 14. Pſal. 37. 23, 24. Pſal. 104. Pſal. 118. 13, 14 15.

and is become my Salvation; *and the Voice of rejoycing and ſalvation is in the Tabernacle of the Righteous*; and can ſay, *The Right Hand of the Lord doth valiantly, and is exalted.*

So every Man and Womans *Hope* muſt be in the Lord, who made Heaven and Earth, the Sea, and all things therein, who keepeth Truth forever.

Pſal. 146.3, 4. 5. And further, *David* ſaith, *Put not your Truſt in Princes, nor in the Son of Man, in whom there is no help; his breath goes forth, he turneth to the Earth, in that very day his thoughts periſh.* Therefore all are to truſt in the Lord, in whoſe hand is their breath and life.

And *Solomon* ſpeaking of the Lord, *Prov.* 3. *How by his Wiſdom the Lord hath founded the Earth, and by his underſtanding eſtabliſhed the Heavens:* and ſaith, *how the length of days is in her Right Hand, and in her Left Hand is Riches for evermore.* Therefore let this *Wiſdom* into your hearts, which cries in the ſtreets, if you will have her *Riches* and *Pleaſure.*

And you may ſee in *Iſaiah*, how the Lord encourages his People that are ſenſible that they are the work of Gods Hand. He

Iſa. 64. 8. c. 66. 11. to the end. ſaith, *That you may ſuck and be ſatisfied with the Breaſts of her Conſolations, that ye may milk out, and be delighted with the abundance of her (to wit* Jeruſalems*) Glory. For thus ſaith the Lord, Behold I will extend peace unto her like a River, and the Glory of the Gentiles ſhall flow like a flowing ſtream: Then ſhall ye ſuck, ye ſhall be born and dandled upon her knees; as one whom his Mother comforted, ſo will I comfort you, and ye ſhall be comforted in* Jeruſalem. *And when ye ſee this, your hearts ſhall rejoice, and your bones ſhall flouriſh like an Herb, and the hand of the Lord ſhall be known to his Servants.* Is not this the *Heavenly Jeruſalem*, the *Mother* of all true Chriſtians in the new Covenant, and new Teſtament?

Now the breath of all Mankind is in the hand of the Lord, who made the World, and all things therein; *ſeeing that he is Lord of Heaven and Earth, he dwelleth not in Temples made with Hands, &c.* who giveth breath and life to all things, as the Apoſtle ſays,

Act. 17. *Act.* 17. *And who hath made of one blood all nations of men, that dwell upon the face of the Earth, that with his breath and life they ſhould ſeek the Lord, and feel after him, and find him; though he be not far from every one of them: For in him we live and move, and have our Being*, as ſome of the Heathen Poets could ſay.

And now God that giveth breath and life to all Mankind, he com-

commands all men every where *to Repent*, that they might turn to him, ſerve and worſhip him, and praiſe him, who has Created them, and takes care for them both with his Temporal, and Spiritual Bleſſings, opens with his *Hand* his *Power*, and fills with his bleſſings: For *God hath appointed a day, wherein he will judge the world in Righteouſneſs by Chriſt Jeſus.*

Now all you that have erred from the Spirit of God, and ſo from God, among the *Witches* or *Fortune-tellers*, that tell people *when and how they ſhall die*; ſuch were forbidden, and judged by the Lord in the Old Teſtament, and not to be followed or hearkened to. But God who gives *breath* and *life* to all Mankind, who hath their life and breath in his hand, and the length of their days; he ſaith, *Look unto me all ye ends of the Earth and be Ye ſaved*: ſo with his *breath* and *life* they muſt look unto the Lord, from whence it comes, and be ſaved. So he that gives them *breath* and *life*, is the Creator, and hath their *breath* and *life* in his hand, and is the Saviour, from whom all have ſalvation; and they are to look unto the Lord for it, all the ends of the Earth, through Jeſus Chriſt.

And Chriſt ſaith in his New Teſtament, when he encourages his Diſciples, he bids them, *Fear God*, &c. *and be not afraid of them that kill the Body, and after that have no more that they can do.*

And again he ſaith, *Are not two Sparrows ſold for a farthing, and not one of them is forgotten before God?* And *Mat.* ſays, *Not one of them ſhall fall on the ground without the Will of the Father. Fear ye not therefore, ye are of more value than many ſparrows: for even the hairs of your head are all numbred (whoſoever therefore ſhall confeſs me before men, him will I confeſs alſo before my Father which is in Heaven, and before the Angels of God. But whoſoever ſhall deny me before Men, him will I alſo deny before my Father, which is in Heaven, and before the Angels of God.* Mat. 10.28, 29, 30, 31, 32, 33. Luk. 12.4.9.

Now here ye may ſee, what Chriſt ſaith, that a *Sparrow* ſhall not fall to the ground without the Will of God: for not one of them is forgotten of God: ſo that neither with your *Guns* nor *Nets* ye can catch a *Sparrow* without the Will of God: for not one of them ſhall fall to the ground without the Father that made them. And therefore Mankind, to wit, Man and Woman, which are of more value than many *Sparrows*, are not forgotten of God; neither ſhall they fall to the ground without the Will of the Father.

ther. For Chriſt ſaies, *The hairs of your heads are numbred*, to wit by the Lord that made them. And the Lord, who giveth them their breath, ſpirit and life, by which they become living ſouls to live to him, hath alſo their breath, and their Souls in his hand, yea of all Mankind, as in *Job*. And therefore the Eternal living God is to be feared by Men and Women all the daies of their lives, that they may diſcern the times and ſeaſons, that are in the Fathers hand, *&c.* That is a diſcerning beyond the *Hypocrites looking at the face of the Skies for fair weather and foul.*

Mat. 16.

And if the *Sparrows* are not forgotten of God, and not one of them ſhall fall to the ground without the Will of the Father, as is ſaid before; ſurely *Men* and *Women* are of more value than many *Sparrows* with the Lord, *who hath numbred all the hairs of their heads*, and gives them breath and life, by which they become living Souls, and hath all the breath of Mankind, *&c.* in his *Hand*, his *Power*, how can any one of them be forgotten, when the *Sparrows* are not, who ſees and knows with his *All*-ſeeing Eye? Certainly not one of them ſhall fall to the ground without the Will of the Father, who hath all in his *Hand*, to wit, his *Power*.

And God has appointed *Chriſt* his *Son* to uphold all things, by whom he made the World, who is the *brightneſs of his Glory, and the expreſs Image of his ſubſtance, and upholds all things by the word of his Power*. So he, by whom all things were made, is Heir of all things; and he upholding all things with the word of his Power, there is no *Change* or *Fall* of any thing without his Will and Word of his Power: and therefore every Man and Womans *Faith* muſt be in Chriſt, in the Son of God, the Second *Adam*, the Lord from Heaven, by whom all things were made.

Heb. 1. 2, 3.

For Chriſt ſaith to the *Jews*, *Ye are from beneath, and I am from above; Ye are of this World, and I am not of this World. For if ye believe not that I am he, ye ſhall die in your Sins.* Now this is a bad dying for People to **die in their Sin**, that do not believe in Chriſt the Son of God, who is Heir of all things, and upholds all things by his Word and Power, by whom Men and Women, and all things were made. And ſuch as **die in their Sins**, do not believe in him, who would redeem them out of *Sin*, who bruiſes the Serpents head, and deſtroys the Devil and his Works, and reconciles to God all things in one, both things in Heaven, and things in Earth, and is a Mediator betwixt God and Man, he that is from above,

John 8. 24.

above, and is not of the World. And they which do not believe in Chriſt, that **die in their Sin**, they cannot ſleep in Chriſt, when they put off their Earthly Tabernacle, nor die in the Lord. *For bleſſed are the dead which die in the Lord*, &c. *The Spirit ſaith, that they reſt from their labours, and their works do follow them.* Rev. 14. 13.

Now Chriſt hath taught you, how to believe, and what to believe in, he ſaith, *While you have the Light, believe in the Light, that ye may become the Children of the Light.* And *John* in his 1ſt Chapter tells you what this *Light* is, who ſaith, *The Light is the Life in Chriſt, the Word, by which all things were made and created, which enlightneth every Man that cometh into the World.* Now all Mankind being enlightned with the Light, which is the Life in Chriſt, the *Word* (who is Heir of all things, and upholds all things by his word and power, by whom all things were made) You that believe in his *Light* which is the Life in him, that is from above, and not of this world, You become *Children of the Light*, and not of the World, and are *born of God*, and do paſs from the Death to life in Chriſt Jeſus; and ſo are grafted in him your *Life* and *Foundation*, and built upon him your *Rock*: and ſo Chriſt your *Root* bears you. Such die in the Lord when thy put off their Earthly Tabernacle, ſuch ſleep in Jeſus, as the Apoſtle ſaith. Joh. 12. 36. &c.

And the Apoſtle ſaith, *For we know, that if our Earthly House of this Tabernacle were diſſolved, we have a building of God, an houſe not made with hands, Eternal in the Heavens.* So this the true Chriſtians were ſure of, while they were in their Earthly Tabernacles. *For in this we groan earneſtly, deſiring to be clothed upon with our Houſe, which is from Heaven, if ſo be that we being clothed, we ſhall not be found naked. For we that are in this Tabernacle, do groan, being burthened, not for that we would be unclothed, but clothed upon, that mortality might be ſwallowed up with Life.* This ſhould be every true *Chriſtians* mind. 1 Theſ 4. 14. 2 Cor. 5. 1. &c.

This is the mind of all the Believers in the Light, the Life in Chriſt Jeſus, by which all things were made and Created; and as Chriſt ſaies; *He that believeth in the Son of God, ſhall not periſh, but have everlaſting Life: and he that believeth not the Son of God, ſhall not ſee Life; but the Wrath of God abideth upon him.* For how can he ſee Life, if he doth not believe in the *Light*, which is the Life in Chriſt, by whom all things were made and Created. And therefore Chriſt ſaith, *This is the Condemnation, that Light is come into the World*; and this *Light* is the Life in Chriſt, the *Word*, Joh. 3.

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who is not of the World. And Men loving *Darkneſs* rather than this *Light*, becauſe their deeds are Evil, then they love the **Darkneſs** more than the **Light**, the Life in Chriſt, and more than **Chriſt** and **God**.

And Chriſt ſaith, *Every one that doth Evil, hateth the* Light, *neither cometh he to the* Light, *leſt his Deeds ſhould be reproved.* So they that do Evil, and hate the *Light*, will not come to the *Light* by which their Deeds are made manifeſt and reproved; and therefore ſuch will not come to the *Light*, which is the Life in Chriſt, and this *Light* is their Condemnation, that do Evil, and hate it, and will not come to it to have their evil Deeds made manifeſt, and be reproved by it, as before.

So they that do hate the *Light*, and will not have their evil Deeds reproved, and love the Darkneſs more than the *Light*, they love the *Devil*, the power of Darkneſs, more than God and Chriſt, who comes to deſtroy the *Devil*, and his Works, and bruiſe the Serpents head. *But he that doth Truth cometh to the Light, that his Deeds may be made manifeſt, that they are wrought in God.*

Now this Heavenly Divine *Light*, which is the Life in Chriſt the *Word*, who is from above, is the *Light* by which all Men *ſee*, in whom their Deeds have been, and are wrought; ſo that Chriſt might very well ſay, *If you do not believe that I am he* (**the Son of God**) *ye ſhall die in your Sins.* For how can ſuch, that do not believe in the **Light**, the **Life in Chriſt**, die in the Lord, or ſleep
Joh 8. in Chriſt Jeſus? how can they *die otherwiſe but in their Sins*, (as Chriſt ſaith) and are condemned, and the Wrath of God abides upon them. And they that believe in the *Light*, which is the Life in Chriſt, are grafted into him, and have Eternal Life: ſuch are they that paſs from Death to Life, and overcome the world, and
Joh. 5. 24. ſhall not come into Condemnation. For Chriſt ſaith, *Verily, verily I ſay unto you, he that heareth my word, and believeth on him, that ſent me, hath everlaſting Life, and ſhall not come into Condemnation,*
V. 25. *but is paſt from Death unto Life. For verily I ſay unto you, the hour coming, and* **Now is** (mark **Now is**,) *when the Dead ſhall hear the Voice of the Son of God, and they that hear, ſhall live.* And they that will not hear, but love Darkneſs rather than *Light*, and will not come to the *Light*, nor believe in the *Light*, that they may become Children of the *Light*, how can they but **die in their Sins**, and **periſh in their Gain-ſayings and Corruptions?**

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And the Lord ſaith in *Ezek. I have no pleaſure at all that the Wicked ſhould die*; again, *I have no pleaſure in the death of him that dieth, ſaith the Lord God*; *wherefore turn your ſelves, and live ye.* Now when the Wicked *die* in their wickedneſs, they go from the Spirit of God in themſelves, and ſo from God: and therefore the Lord God would have them turn again by his Spirit to him, who made them, and gives them breath and life, that they may not **die in their Sins.** And they that are led by the Spirit of God, which are the Children of the Lord, **ſuch die in the Lord**, and **ſleep in Jeſus.** In ſuch God, who is a Spirit, has *pleaſure* with them in his Spirit, that live and walk in his Spirit, and die in the Lord. But he has no pleaſure in them that hate the Light, the Life in Chriſt, whom he ſent to enlighten them, and rebel againſt his Spirit, and ſo againſt God who gave it them, ſuch *die in their Sins*, and periſh in their Gain-ſayings; in ſuch God, who is a Spirit, has no *pleaſure.* Thoſe that rebel againſt his Spirit, rebel againſt him; for his *pleaſure* is with them, while they live and *walk in his Spirit, and his Light, and Truth and Grace.* Ezek. 18. 23, 32.

Concerning the **Birth of Jeſus Chriſt the Son of God**, he came **not** into the world with the **Pomp** and **Glory** of the **World**, neither went he out of the world with the **Pomp** and **Glory** of the **World.** It's ſaid, *when* Joſeph *went from* Galilee *out of the City of* Nazareth *into* Judea *unto the City of* David, *which is called* Bethlehem (*becauſe he was of the linage of* David) *to be taxed with* Mary *his Eſpouſed Wife, being great with Child*; *and ſo it was, that while they were there* (*to wit, in* Bethlehem) *the days were accompliſhed, that ſhe ſhould be delivered. And ſhe brought forth her Firſt-born Son, and wrapt him in ſwadling Cloaths, and laid him in a* **Manger**, *becauſe there was* **no room for them in the Inn.** *And there were in the ſame Country Shepheards abiding in the Field, watching over their Flocks by night*, &c. *And the Angel of the Lord appeared to them*, &c. *and told them, Unto you is born to day in the City of* David *a Saviour which is* Chriſt *the* Lord. *And this ſhall be a ſign unto you,* **Ye ſhall find the Babe wrapped in Swadling-Cloathes, lying in a Manger.** So you do not read here, that *Mary* had ſo much as a *Midwife*; and if ſhe had not one, ſhe had the ſame power, the ſame Holy Ghoſt which came upon her, and the ſame *Power* of the Higheſt, which did overſhadow her, was able to help her to bring forth her Firſt-born, which is called the **SON** of **GOD.** Now concerning the Birth of Chriſt, &c. Luke 2.

And if Christ as you do say, was born at Christmas, **and** Mary **wrapt him, and laid him in a Manger, it was a cold place, and a cold time in the year: you do not read, that** Mary **had so much as a Fire.** And again; **When Christ was crucified at the time of the Passover which you call** Easter **(which is a good while after** Christmas**) it was cold weather; for** Peter **warm'd himself by the Fire, when the High-Priests were examining of Christ.**

Now here you see the *Son* of *God*, and *Lord* of *Glory* what entertainment he had at his *Birth* amongst them that were in the *Pomp* of the world. He that said; *He was from above*, his *Cradle* was a *Manger*. You know a *Manger* is in the *Stable*, where ye ye feed your *Horses* in. And who were *Maries* and *Christs* Visiters, but the *Country-Shepherds* that watched their Flocks by night; there is no talk of *Scribes*, *High-Priests*, or *Pharisees*. So see what entertainment the Lord of Life found at his coming into the World without the *Pomp* of the World, wrapt in *Swadling-Clothes*; A *Manger* instead of a *Cradle*. O! the *proud* and *lofty* ones might say, *This place was good enough*; *There was no Room within for a Carpenters Wife, and her Son*; *the Inn-keepers could find no room for Christ the Saviour and* Mary.

And what could the poor *Country Shepherds* present to him, that watched all night the Sheep? But such God made Instruments to come to visit Christ the Lord and Saviour, yea, and declare him abroad. And did not the Jews in a despising way say, *Is not this the*
Mat. 13.55. *Carpenters Son? Is not his Mother called Mary?* and in *Mark*, did
Mark 6.3. not the Jews deride him, and say, *Is not this the Carpenter the Son of Mary*? So they called Christ the *Carpenter*; but they did not know that he was to *build up the fallen house of Adam* with his
1 Pet. 2.5, *power* and *Spirit*. For the Apostle *Peter* says, *Ye are* built up a
Heb. 3.4. *Spiritual Housholds*; and the Author to the *Hebrews*; *He that* build-
Id. 11. deth *all things is God*. And again; *For he* (viz. Abraham) *looked for a City, whose Builder and Maker is God*. And the Apostle *Paul* says (speaking of God and Christ; *After this I will return,*
Act. 15. 16. *and will* build *again the Tabernacle of* David, *which is fallen down; and I will build again the ruines thereof, and I will set it up*. And who is this *Builder* but *Christ Jesus* with his *Power* and *Spirit*?
cap. 20.32. Again; *And now Brethren, I commend you to God, and to the word of his Grace, which is able to* build *you* up, *and to give you an In-*

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heritance among all them which are ſanctified. And the Lord ſpake by the Prophet *Iſaiah* concerning Chriſt, and ſaid; *Is it a light thing, that thou ſhouldſt be my Servant to raiſe up the Tribes of* Jacob, *and to reſtore the preſerved of* Iſrael? *I will alſo give thee for a Light to the Gentiles, that thou mayſt be my Salvation to the ends of the Earth.* Again: *And who is he that ſhall* build up *the waſte places, and raiſe* up *the foundation of many Generations, and is called the* Repairer *of the* Breach, *and the Reſtorer of Paths to dwell in?* And when the *Devil* Tempted Chriſt, and ſhewed him all the *Kingdoms* of the *World*, and the *Glory* of them, and ſaid to him, *All theſe things will I give thee, if thou wilt fall down, and Worſhip me.* But Chriſt ſaid unto the Serpent, *Get thee behind me Satan.* It ſeems he was got before him, and ſhewed him the *Glory* of the *World*, which he would have given Chriſt, if he would have fallen down and Worſhipped the *Devil*, in whom there is no *Truth.* But Chriſt ſays: *The* Devil *was a Murtherer from the beginning, and abode not in the Truth, becauſe there is no Truth in him: When he ſpeaks a Lye, he ſpeaks of his own, and is the Father of it.* So it was not like for Chriſt the *Truth* to bow to and Worſhip him, in whom there is no Truth.

Iſa 49.6.

Iſa 58.12.

Mat. 4.

Iohn.8.44.

Now what is the *Glory* of the *World*? *John* ſaith; *Love not the World nor the things that are in the World: If any man love the World, the Love of the Father is not in him. For all that is in the World, the Luſt of the Fleſh, the Luſt of the Eye, and the pride of Life is not of the Father, but of the World; And the World paſſeth away, and the Luſt thereof; but he that doth the Will of God, abideth for ever.*

1 Iohn 2.5, 6, 7.

Now you ſee here, what is of the *World*, and what is its *Glory*, which the *Devil* that overcame *Adam* and *Eve* by his *Lies* in telling them they ſhould be as Gods, if they did eat that which God had forbidden. He ſet upon Chriſt the *Truth*; but as Chriſt ſays, *He found nought in him.* Now the *Glory* of the World (which is the *Luſt of the Fleſh, the Luſt of the Eye, and the Pride of Life*, with the *Pomps* and *Vanities* of the World, which are not of God the Father, but of the *Devil*, which he had begotten in the Kingdoms of the World, and which was their *Glory*, who diſobeyed God:) This *Glory* of the *World* the *Devil* would have given to Chriſt, who is the Life and the *Truth*, if he would have fallen down, and Worſhipped him, to wit, the *Devil*, in whom there is

no Truth. But Chriſt the *Truth* bruiſeth the Serpents head, and deſtroys the *Devil* and his Works.

And Chriſt ſet up a *Worſhip* in the Holy Spirit of God, and in the *Truth* which the *Devil* is out of; for there is *no Truth* in him, as Chriſt ſaith. So they that *Worſhip* God in his Spirit and Truth, *Worſhip* in that which the Devil is out of, and is not in him, neither can he get into it. And therefore that which is of the Devil, who is out of the Truth, the *Glory* of the *World*, which the Devil *would* have given to Chriſt, if he would have Worſhipped him, is that, which is not of the Father, but of himſelf, *the Luſt of the Fleſh, the Luſt of the Eye, and the Pride of Life*, which paſſes away. For God Almighty Created all things; *and the Earth is the Lords, and the fulneſs thereof*; and he gives the increaſe. So the *Glory* of all the Creatures and the *Glory* of all the Creation is the Lords, and he doth beautify them. For the Devil could not give Chriſt the *Glory* of a *Thiſtle*, the *Glory* of a *Nettle*, nay, not the *Glory* of any *Weed*, for theſe are the Lords with the Earth and the Fulneſs thereof; and the *Glory* of all his Creation is the Lords, who is God in Heaven and in the Earth to be ſerved, and Worſhipped above all.

Luke 12. 27, 28. And Chriſt ſaith, *For I ſay unto you, that* Solomon *in all his Glory was not arayed like one of theſe Lillies*: So it is God that arayeth the *Lillies* with Glory, that doth exceed *Solomon* in all his *Glory*. And Jeſus Chriſt, who is a greater than *Solomon*, hath ſpoken it, by whom all things were made and Created, who is greater than *Solomon*, and whoſe Glory exceeds all the Glory of the Creatures in the Creation, *who is the brightneſs of Gods Glory, and the expreſs Image of his ſubſtance, upholding all things by the word of his Power*, by whom all things were made, who is glorified with the Father with the ſame Glory that he had with him before the world began, and before the Creatures were made, and their Glory.

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So Chriſts Glory is above their Glory.

So here you ſee the *Glory* of *Chriſt*, and the *Glory* of *Solomon*, and the *Glory* of the *Arayed Lilly*, which was beyond all *Solomons* Glory, for the Lilly was Arayed by the Lord. But the *Glory* of *Chriſt* is beyond the *Glory* of the *Lilly*, and the *Glory* of the whole *Creation*, as is ſaid before.

And likewiſe here you may ſee the *Glory* of the *Kingdoms* of the *World*, which the *Devil* would have given to Chriſt, which he had begotten in the Sons and Daughters of *Adam* and *Eve*, who diſobeyed

diſobeyed God; which he would have given to Chriſt, if he would have fallen down and worſhipt him; which **Pomp** and **Glory** of the **World** is the **Luſt of the Fleſh, the Luſt of the Eye, and the pride of Life**, which is not of God the Father that ſent Chriſt. Therefore Chriſt came not into the world with any of the **Pomps** and **Glory**, neither would he have any of them, when the *Devil* proffer'd them to him; for he came to deſtroy, and bruiſe his head; and teſtified againſt the world, *that their works were Evil*; and therefore he was not like to receive that which was not of his Father (nor none of his works, for that he teſtified againſt, but of the God of this World, which lies in Wickedneſs, and of his Works, that Chriſt came to deſtroy. And ſo he was not like to **take that** which he was come to **deſtroy**, and which was not of his Father. Nor are his followers to receive that which is not of the Father, leſt they worſhip the Devil, and go from Gods Holy Spirit and *Truth*, and love that which will keep the love of the Father out of them. And they that walk in the *Truth*, walk in *Chriſt Jeſus*.

Now after the Lord Jeſus Chriſt had gone through all his Temptings, and all the Revilings and evil Speeches from the *Jews, Prieſts, Scribes, and Phariſees*; and even his Preaching and manifeſting himſelf to be the *Son* of *God* by his Signs and Miracles; and when they by their wicked Tongues deſired the *Murtherer*, and by wicked Hands had Crucified the *Lord* of *Life* (who were in the *Murthering Spirit*, and *Luſts* and *Pomps* of the World) *Joſeph* of *Arimathea* a Counſellor (a good man, and juſt, who had not conſented to the Counſel and Deeds of the Jews, who alſo himſelf waited for the Kingdom of God) went to *Pilate*, and beg'd the **Body of Jeſus**, which they had Crucified betwixt **two Thieves**. And Joſeph **took it down, and wrapt it in a Linnen Cloth, and laid it in a Sepulchre, that was hewen in Stone, where never Man lay before**. So you don't read here, that Chriſt had ſo much as a **Coffin**, as *Joſeph*, *Jacob's* Son had, *Gen.* 50. 26.

So you ſee what entertainment the Lord of Glory had, when he came into the world, a **Manger** inſtead of a **Cradle**: And when he went out of the world, the Scripture doth not ſay, he had ſo much as a **Coffin**. *Joſeph* of *Arimathea* wrapt his Body in Linnen, and laid it in a Sepulchre in a Garden. And you may ſee in

John,

John 18. 19. *John* what *Out-Cries* were among the Jews and the Prieſts crying **Crucify him, Crucify him.** And though *Nicodemus*, and ſome of the Women did come, and brought their *Myrrhe and other Spices, as the manner of the Jews is to bury*, yet when he went out of the world, he was buried by *Joſeph* of *Arimathea* a Counſellor, to fulfil the Scripture, which ſays, **he made his Grave with the Rich**; but doth not ſay, that he had ſo much as a **Coffin** with a **White** and a **black Cloth** upon it.

So you may ſee here, our Lord and Saviour the *Son* of *God*, the *King* of *Kings*, and *Lord* of *Lords*, *who hath all Power in Heaven and Earth given unto him*, he was not carried to his Sepulchre with a **Gilded Coffin**, with a **great White and black Cloth over it, with Arms or Scutcheons upon it, and a many Prieſts and People following in black Cloths, and black Scarfs on their Hats, pretending mourning**, and have **Golden Rings given to them**, and **Twigs of Roſemary in their hands**, and **ringing of Bells**, which is more like going to a **Wedding** than to a **Burying**, in the *Pomp* and *Glory* of the World. But inſtead of that, Chriſt had a company of **Mockers**; yea, the *Chief-Prieſts*, *Scribes and Elders mocks* him, ſaying; *If he*

Mat. 27. 40, &c. *is the Son of God, let him come down from the Croſs, and we will believe him; he truſted in God, let him deliver him now, if he will have him; for he ſaid, I am the* Son *of* God *: He ſaved others, himſelf he cannot ſave.* See what Blaſphemy is here againſt *God* and his *Son* by Jews and the Prieſts, who in *words* proteſt *God* and the

1 John, 2. 23. 24. *Meſſias* to come; but in *Life* and *Works* denied them both. *For he that denieth the Son, hath not the Father; but he that acknowledges the Son, hath the Father alſo. Let that therefore abide in you, which you have heard from the beginning, If that which you have heard from the beginning, ſhall remain in you, ye alſo ſhall continue in the Son, and in the Father,* &c.

And all you that ſay, **That we Bury like Dogs**, *becauſe that we have not ſuperfluous and needleſs things upon our* Coffin, *and a* white *and* black Cloth *with* Scutcheons, *and do not go in Black, and hang* Scarfs *upon our Hats*, and white Scarfs over our Shoulders, and *give* gold Rings, *and have* ſprigs of Roſemary in *our hands, and* Ring *the* Bells. How dare you ſay that **we Bury our People like Dogs** becauſe we cannot *Bury* them after the vain *Pomps* and *Glory* of the world? whereas ye do not read, that Chriſt the *Prince* of *Life*, our Lord and Saviour had any of theſe things,

things, neither when he came into the world, nor when he went out of the world; and refuſed the Pomp and Glory of the world, when the *Devil* tempted him with it.

Now all People, come to learn of Chriſt, who hath enlightned you with the Life in himſelf, and believe in it, that you may become Children of the Light: For *Grace and Truth is come by Jeſus* into your hearts and Inward parts, that with his Grace and Truth you may learn of *Chriſt, who is meek and low in the heart*, and follow him, who is not of this world, and hear his voice, and he will lead you into the *Paſtures* of *Life*. He that came into the world not with any *Pomp*, nor *Luſt*, nor *Glory* of the world, neither did he go out of the world with the *Glory*, *Pomp* or *Luſt* of the world (as is ſaid before) who was not of the world; who is the *Prince* of *Life* and *Peace*. And therefore follow not the *Pomps* or Glory of the world at your *Childrens* coming into the world; nor breed them up in the *Pomps* and *Glory* of the world the time while they live, nor uſe them at going forth out of the world; but follow Chriſt Jeſus, who is not of the world; who is your *Redeemer*, your *Saviour*, your *Way*, your *Truth* and *Life*, your *Biſhop*, your *Shepherd*, your *Prieſt*, your *Prophet*, and let him rule in your hearts by *Faith*, who will give you life abundantly, who is from above, and not from below. That you may be built upon him the living *Rock*, and *Foundation* of *God* that ſtands ſure; *Amen*, *Amen*, ſaith my Soul,

G. F.

FINIS.